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Gk siphōn tube]: a genus (the type of the family Chamaesi, phonaceae) of one-celled blue-green algae characterized by epiphytic habit and formation of endospores that are released by early breakdown of the cell wall at the apex and by successions.

cham-ae-sy-ce \, e-'sī(,)sē\ n, cap [NL, fr. L, fr. Gk cham-aisykē, fr. chamai-chamae- + sykē fig tree, fr. sykon fig more at FiG] in some classifications: a genus of herbs or shrubs (family Euphorbiaceae) now usu. included in the genus Euphorbia

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genus Euphorbia
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Vulpes + chama, modil. of E caama]: CAAMA |
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carmak\(\tilde{k}\) and shams \(\tilde{k}\) and shams \(\tilde{k}\) and shams
more at CURASS, KARMA]: a member of a low Indian caste
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whose caste occupation is leatherworking
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chamas plo (CHAMA)

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camur curved, Av kamar\(\tilde{k}\) give mesecial feature or distinguishing
characteristic: a: a private room: as (1): a Brocom (2): a
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\(\tilde{k}\) as ground-floor sitting room usu. furnished
with a bed \(\tilde{d}\) chiefly \(\tilde{k}\) we mesecial
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the chamber process; esp; the actor of less than No percentrated chambers before being concentrated chamber composer n [chamber (music)]; a musician attached to a noble household to compose and direct music chamber crystals n [chamber (process)]; nitrosylsulfuric acid formed as crystals in the chamber process of making sulfuric acid chamberdeacon n -s [ME chamberdeken, fr. chamber chamber + deken deacon]; any of certain impoverished Irish scholars at a 15th century English university chambered nautillus n: NAUTILUS la chambered nautillus n: NAUTILUS la chamberer n -s [ME chamberere, chamberier, fr. MF chamberier, fem. of chamberier chamberlain, fr. LL cameraius, fr. LL camera + L -arius -er] obs: CHAMBERMAID 2chamberer n -s [ME, chamberlain, fr. MF chamberier] archaic: GALLANT, LOVER, CAVALIER chamber (iller n: a filter press in which the spaces for the filter cake are formed by raised edges on the plates cham-be-ri \chamber | hantonness, fornication chamberis usu cap: TCHAMBULI chamber | iller | hantonness, fornication | chamber | iller | hantonness, fornication | chamber | iller | chamber | hantonness, fornication | chamber | iller | chamber | hantonness, fornication | chamber | iller | chamber | hantonness, fornication | skin to OHG chamberlain, fr. chamara chamber (fr. LL camera) + -ling (akin to OE -ling) - more at CHAMBER | 1: a bedchamber attendant for royalty or nobility 2 a: a chief officer in the household of a king or nobleman b: one in charge of moneys: TREASURER (the town ~) 3 archaic: an inn attendant in charge of bedchambers cham-ber-land filter \chamber-sedouard Chamberland | filter \chamber-sedouard Chamberland

charge of oecchambers.

cham-ber-land filter \chāmba(r)lan(d)-, F shänberland, n,

usu cap C [after Charles-Edouard Chamberland 11908 Fr.

scientist, its inventor]: a candle-shaped porcelain filter used

chiefly to filter out microorganisms (as from culture media)

chamber lye n [chamber (pol)] now dial: URINE

chamber maid *-\frac{1-\text{chamber}}{\text{chamber}} = \frac{1}{\text{chamber}} = \

chamber of deputies: the lower or popular branch of certain legislatures chamber of horrors 1: a hall in which various things of macabre interest (as relics of criminals and instruments of torture) are exhibited; also: a collection of such exhibits 2: an assemblage of things of macabre interest chamber orchestra n [chamber (music)]: a small orchestra usu, with one player for each instrumental part: SINFONIETTA chamber organ n: a small pipe organ chamber pol n: a bedroom vessel for urine or other waste chamber practice n: the part of the practice of the process.

chamberwoman \'ss,s\n: CHAMBERMAID
cham-be-ry \sha"bārē\ n -ts usu cap [fr. Chambery, France,
where it is made]: a dry vermouth
chamblet obs var of CAMLET
cham-bray \'sham,brā, -brē, sham'brā, -aam-\ n -s [irreg. fr.
Cambrai, city of France]: a lightweight clothing fabric of plain
weave made of cotton, silk, linen, or synthetic yarns and having
a frosted appearance due to the interweaving of colored warp
and white filling yarns
chame-— see CHAMAEcha-me-leon also ca-me-leon \ks'mēlyən, -lēən sometimes
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northern Peru considered by some Americanists to be Panoan b:a member of such people 2: the language of the Chamicura people (chami-sall \shamn\sall \n -s [AmerSp, fr. chamiso]: a California chaparral of chamiso cha-mi-so \shamn\sall \n -s [AmerSp chamiso, chamis, alter. of Sp chamizo \shamn\sall \n -s [AmerSp chamiso, chamis, alter. of Sp chamizo half-burned wood, fr. Pg chamizo stick, wood, fr. chamica small dry pieces of wood — more at ChaMiza] f. a California shrub (Adenostoma fasciculatum) that forms a dense chaparral — see CHAMISA] 2: TOYON 3 Puerto Rico ; AKEAKE | 4 Southwest: CHAMIZA and Cha-mite \shamn\sall \n -s [ML Chama + E - Ite]: a fossil shell of the genus Chama or a related genus chamica \shamn\sall \n -s [MexSp, fr. Sp, a grass used in thatching, brushwood, fr. Pg chamica small dry pieces of wood, a cane, a heather, fr. chama flame, fr. L flamma: a kin to L flagrare to burn]: a semidesert evergreen shrub (Atriplex canescens) that has greenish gray foliage and is important as a browse plant in the southern U.S. — called also chamiso chamlet obs var of CAMLET cham-ma \shamn\n n-s [Amharic shamma]: a cotton togalike usu. white garment worn in Ethiopia chamned pass of CHAM chamois of CHAM chamois (Shame). — in, in sense 1 also (')sham', wall n, pl cham-ois shame, — mi, in sense 1 also (')sham', wall n, pl cham-ois shame, — mi, in sense 1 also (')sham', n chamois b: an oil-tanned suede-finished leather prepared from the skin of the chamois b: an oil-tanned suede-finished leather prepared from the succe of OHG gamiza chamois] 1: a small agile goatlike antelope (Rupicapra rupicapra) that lives on the loftiest mountain ridges of Europe and in the Caucasus and is a favorite quarry of hunters 2 also chamois skin: a grayish yellow diso chamois skin: a grayish yellow diso chamois skin: a grayish yellow diso chamois of hamois of

: BUCKTHORN BROWN
cham-o-mile or cam-o-mile \'kamo,mil, -i(a)l also -\(\bar{e}\)l or
-\(\bar{e}(a)\)l n - S [ME camemille, fr. ML camomilla, fr. LL chamomilla, modif. of L chamaemelon, fr. Gk chamaimēlon, fr.
chamae: - thamae - the mēlon apple; fr. the applelike smell of its
flower — more at MALUS] 1 a : a plant of the genus Anthemis (esp. the common European A. nobilis) having strongs

cha-mor-ro \cho'mo(.)ro\ n, pl chamorro or chamorros um cap [Sp, lit., man with a shorn head, perh. of Iberian origin; akin to Basque samur, samur tender 1 1 a : a people of the Mariana islands b : a member of such people 2 : the language of the Chamorro people cham-o-site \shamo_sit\ or cham-ol-site \shamo_sit\ or cham-ol-site \shamo_sit\ or shamolison. Switzerland, in [F, fr. Chamoson, Chamolison, Valais canton, Switzerland, in locality + F-ite! : a mineral consisting of greenish gray or black silicate (sp. gr. 3-3.4) — cham-o-sit to \shamolison\; claid-k\ adj chamolite\ shamolison\ n - 3 [prob. fr. F, fr. G schamotte] : GROO 2

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Large genus of operculate pulmonate land snails widely distributed chiefly in tropical areas cyclostoma \"\ [NL, fr. cycl· + -stoma] syn of \(^2\text{CLOSTOMATA}\) cyclostoma \"\ [NL, fr. cycl· + -stoma] syn of \(^2\text{CLOSTOMATA}\) cyclostoma \"\ [NL, fr. cycl· + -stoma] syn of \(^2\text{CLOSTOMATA}\) cyclostomata \"\ n pl. cap [NL, fr. cycl· + -stomata] : no order of bryozons (class Gymnolaemata) comprising colonial forms with tubular calcareous zooecia having circular apertures without opercula and lacking both avicularia and vibracula cy-clos-to-mate \('\)si*klastoma'\ abo cy-clo-stoma-tous \('\): a Cyclostomata \('\) cyclostomata and lacking both avicularia and vibracula cy-clos-to-mate \('\)'si*klastoma'\ abo cy-clo-stoma-tous \('\): a Cyclostomata \('\): simad-ss, \(\)-tomal \('\) div \((\) cyclostomata \('\): simad-ss, \(\)-tomal \('\) div \((\) cyclostomata \('\): simad-ss, \(\)-tomal \('\) si will simad-ss, \(\)-tomal \('\) fin sense \(\), \(fr. cycl· + \)-stomata \(\) 1 : having a circular mouth \(2\): of or relating to the Cyclostomata \(\) 1: having a circular mouth \(2\): of or relating to the Cyclostomata \(2\): being a cyclostome \('\) cyclostomata \(\) 1: of or relating to the Cyclostoma \(\) cyclostomata \(2\): being a cyclostome \('\) cyclostomata \(2\): cyclostomata \(2\): cyclostomata \(2\): cyclostomata \(2\): cyclostomata \('\) is fixed stomathal \(\) cyclostomata \(2\): cyclostomata \('\): cyclostomata

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SYNTONIC

"cyclothymic \"\ n -s : CYCLOTHYME

cy-clot-ic \(\'\)sī klād-ik\ adj [fr. NL cyclosis, after such pairs

as NL neurosis: E neurotic]: exhibiting or being cyclosis (~ cy-clo-tom-ic \ = at cyclo- + tamik \ adj : of or relating to

Germany

cy-clo-tron \sikla,tran\ n -s [cycl- + -tron: fr. the circular

movement of the particles]: an accelerator in which particles
(as protons, deuterons, or ions) are propelled by means of an
alternating electric field between electrodes in a constant

magnetic field

cy.clus \'sīkləs\ n, pl cy.cli \-,klī\ [LL - more at CYCLE]

Cy-Cins \'siklos\ n, pl Cy-Cii \-kii\ [LL - word | Cy-Cins \'siklos\ n, pl Cy-Cii \-kii\ [LL - word | Cy-Cins \'sido(r)\ chiefly Brit var of Cider | Cy-dip-pe \sido(r)\ chiefly Brit var of Cider | Cy-dip-pe \sido(r)\ chiefly Brit var of Cider | Cy-Cinp-pe \sido(r)\ chiefly | Cy-Cider | Cy-Cide

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making boards each of which is built up by combining as many layers as there are vats cylinder $\max n 1$: a worker who cures bricks and cinder blocks in steam pressure cylinders to hasten hardening 2: an optical glass worker who grinds cylinder-shaped lens blanks cylinder number n: the serial number of the cylindrical printing plate on a sheet of rotary-printed British stamps cylinder oil n: a heavy grade of mineral lubricating oil; esp: such an oil used for steam-engine cylinders and valves cylinder planer n: a wood surfacer having 1 or 2 rotating cutter cylinders and usu. from 2 to 8 feed rolls for guiding the wood

cutter cylinders and usu. from 2 to 8 feed rolls for guiding the cylinder press n: a printing press in which a rotating cylinder rolls the paper against a printing surface lying on a flat usu. horizontal reciprocating bed — compare ROTARY PRESS cylinder Saw n: CROWN Saw cylinder Scale n: an automatic indicating scale in which the graduations are on a rotatable cylindrical chart — called also barrel scale, arum scale cylinder Seal n: a cylinder of stone or other hard material engraved in intaglio upon the curved surface and used esp. in ancient Mesopotamia to roll an identifying impression on wet clay (as in scaling a jar or writing tablet) cylindre snake n: any of several Asiatic burrowing snakes constituting a genus (Cylindrophis) of the family Aniliidae cylindro - cylindro- comb form (NL, fr. Gk kylindr-, kylindro-, fr. kylindros — more at Cylindrophis): cylindrical: cylindrical and (cylindrarthrosis) (cylindrocephalic) cylindrar- throsis (sylindrashas) adj [cylindr- + -aceous]: somewhat like a cylinder - 5.5.5.2 [NL, fr. cylindr- + arthrosis]: a joint in which the articular surfaces are approximately round cy-lin-dri-cal (xs'lindrishas). - rEk-) or cylindric \darkstrik, \d

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a joint in which the articular surfaces are approximately
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cy-lin-dri-cal-l-ty \si'lindrakalod\(\text{cylindrical} \) \(\text{or} \) \(\text{cylindrical} \) \(\text{cylindrical}

Cymbidium

Cym.bi-form \ adj [NL cymbiformis, fr. L cymba boat + -iformis -iform] : BOAT-SHAPED : convex and keeled (a ~ leaf)

Cym.bi-lum \-bēəm\ n, cap [NL, fr. L cymba small cup, fr. Gk kymbion, dim. of kymbē boat, bowl, cup — more at HUMP] : a genus of marine snails (family Volutidae) comprising the melon shells

Cym.bi-cephalic or cym.bi-cephalous \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed simb\(\tilde{0}\) + \\ adj\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed cym.bi-cephalous \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed simb\(\tilde{0}\) + \\ adj\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed cym.bi-cephalous \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed or \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed boat\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed cym.bi-cephalous\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed or \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed boat\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed cym.bi-cephalous\(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed or \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed or \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed \(\frac{1}{2}\)fixed

setalet n-es cymbo-pet-al-um \,simbo'pet-'lom\ n, cap [NL, fr. cymbo-fet-al-um \,simbo'pet-'lom\ n, cap [NL, fr. cymbo-fir. L cymba boat) + petalum petal — more at petal.]: a genus of tropical American shrubs and small trees (family Annonaceae) with fine-textured green or yellowish wood that includes the sacred earflower of Mexico and Central America cym-bo-po-gon \-bo'po\solongan\ n, cap [NL, fr. cymbo-(fr. L cymba boat) + pogon; fr. the shape of the bracts]: a genus of grasses occurring in warm regions of the Old World and having compound flower clusters of paired racemes enclosed by bracts that resemble spathes — see CITRONELLA GRASS, LEMONGRASS



Cymo-— see CYM-Cy-mod-oca, a Vst., madose'ase, e \ n pl. cap [NL, fr. Cy-mod-o-ce-a-ce-ae \si, madose'ase, e \ n pl. cap [NL, fr. Cy-modoce, type genus (fr. L Cymodoce, a Nereid) + -aceae]: a small family of tropical submerged marine plants (order Naiadales) with shender linear leaves and tiny greenish flowers cy-mo-gene \sima_ien \ n -s [ISV cymene + -o + -gene]: a flammable easily condensable gaseous petroleum product consisting chiefly of normal butane ley-mo-graph or cy-ma-graph \sima_sgraf\ n -s [cym- or cyma + -graph]: an instrument for making tracings of contours (as of profiles or moldings) — cy-mo-graph-ic \sima_s'-fik\ adj

adj

zeymograph var of KYMOGRAPH

ley-moid \'sī,moid\ adj [cyma + -oid]: like a cyma

zeymoid \'\adj [cym + -oid]: like a cyme

zeymoid \'\adj [cym + -oid]: like a cyme

zymo phane \sim_sīa\ n -s[F, ir. cym + -phane]: CHRYSOBERYI; esp: an opalescent chrysoberyl

zymose \(\si,\overline{mos}\) also cy-mous \\-mos\ adj [cyme + -ose, -ous] 1: being, having the form of, or derived from a cyme

\(\si\overline{mos}\) also zymo \(\si\overline{mos}\) or bearing a cyme

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\(\si\overline{mos}\) in also zymo \

: naving the nar wavy (a ~ race) — cy-moth chay (ke\ n - est) — cy-moth characteristic of the non-Gaelic Celtic people of Britain; specif : welsh !b 2: of, relating to, or characteristic of the non-Gaelic Celtic people of Britain; specif : welsh !b 2: of, relating to, or characteristic of the language of the Cymric people; specif : welsh !2 2 cymric also kymric \'\n - s cap : brythonic; specif : the Welsh language cym.rite \'\kam.rit, '\kim., -also 'sim.\-\n - s [W Cymru Wales + E -ite] : a rare mineral BaAlSi, O₂OH consisting of a basic aluminosilicate of barium and belonging to the zeolite family cym.ry also kym.ry \'\kam.rit, '\kim., -ri\ n pl. cap [W Cymry, pl. of Cymro Welshman, prob. fr. (assumed) OW combrog fellow countryman, Welshman, prob. fr. OW com- com- + (assumed) OW brog region (whence W bro); akin to L comand to L margo border — more at MARK]: the Brythonic Celts; specif : welsh

and to L margo oorder — more at marky. are specif; weLSH

cy-mule \'sī,myül\ n -s[cyme + -ule]: a small cyme or one of very few flowers forming part of a compound cyme cyn- or cyno- comb form [ME cyno-, fr. L. fr. Gk kyn-, kyno-, left cyno-, fr. left cyno-, fr